Consumer Price Index
March 2017

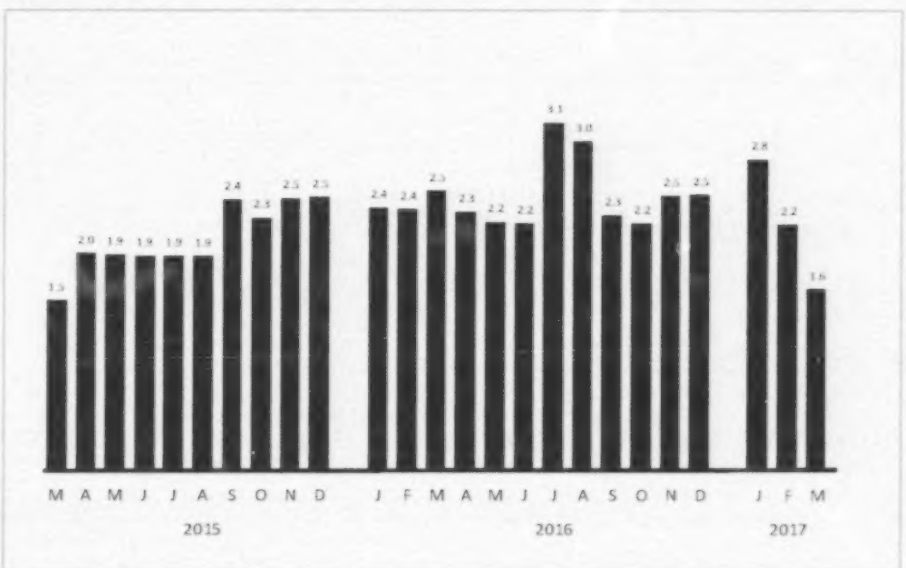
1. Consumer Price Index (CPI), All Items

Month	CPI	Annual Inflation Rate (12 Month % Change)
Iqaluit (Dec. 2002 = 100)		
Mar-17	124.1	1.6%
Feb-17	124.4	2.2%
Mar-16	122.1	2.5%
Canada (2002 = 100)		
Mar-17	129.9	1.6%
Feb-17	129.7	2.0%
Mar-16	127.9	1.3%

In Iqaluit (Nunavut data not available), prices **rose 1.6%** in March 2017 compared to prices in March 2016. On a monthly basis, the prices of a basket of goods in Iqaluit **decreased 0.2%** the same between February 2017 and March 2017.

All data in this report were collected by Statistics Canada.

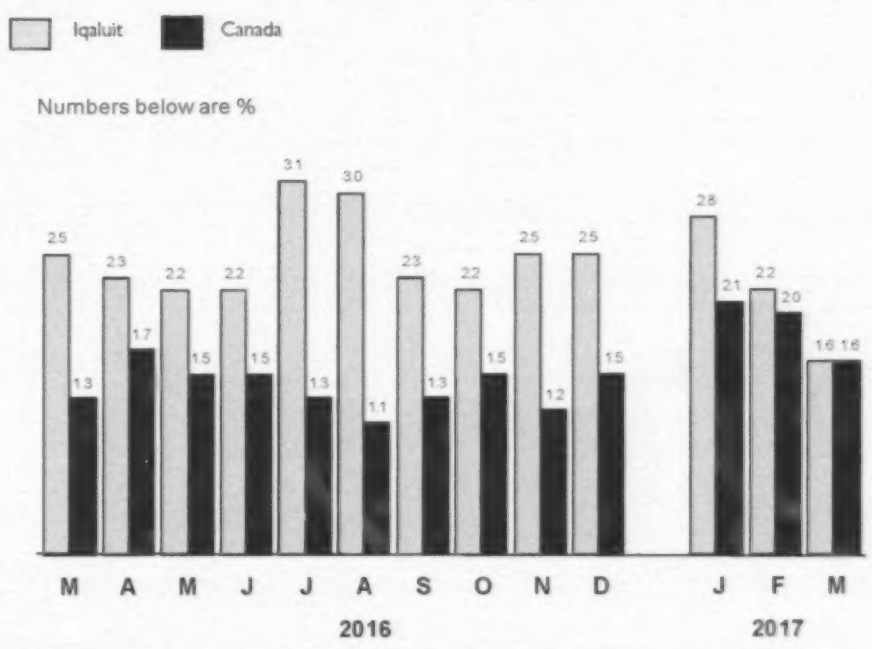
Iqaluit's Inflation Rate
March 2015 - March 2017



2. Consumer Price Index History (All Items, Annual Average)

Iqaluit (Dec. 2002= 100) Annual Average			Canada (2002=100) Annual Average		
Year	All Items Index	% Change from Previous Year	Year	All Items Index	% Change from Previous Year
2016	123.4	2.5%	2016	128.4	1.4%
2015	120.4	1.9%	2015	126.6	1.1%
2014	118.1	1.3%	2014	125.2	2.0%
2013	116.6	1.1%	2013	122.8	0.9%
2012	115.3	1.7%	2012	121.7	1.5%

3. Annual Inflation Rate, Iqaluit vs. Canada, March 2016 to March 2017



4. Iqaluit Monthly Consumer Price Index, All Items

All Items for Iqaluit 2016/2015

Month	2017	2016	% change
Jan	124.4	121.0	2.8
Feb	124.4	121.7	2.2
Mar	124.1	122.1	1.6
Apr	--	122.8	--
May	--	123.1	--
Jun	--	123.7	--
Jul	--	125.0	--
Aug	--	124.9	--
Sep	--	124.5	--
Oct	--	123.8	--
Nov	--	124.0	--
Dec	--	123.8	--
Year Average	--	123.4	--

Month	2016	2015	% change
Jan	121.0	118.2	2.4
Feb	121.7	118.9	2.4
Mar	122.1	119.1	2.5
Apr	122.8	120.0	2.3
May	123.1	120.4	2.2
Jun	123.7	121.0	2.2
Jul	125.0	121.2	3.1
Aug	124.9	121.3	3.0
Sep	124.5	121.7	2.3
Oct	123.8	121.1	2.2
Nov	124.0	121.0	2.5
Dec	123.8	120.8	2.5
Year Average	123.4	120.4	2.5

All Items for Canada 2016/2015

Month	2017	2016	% change
Jan	129.5	126.8	2.1
Feb	129.7	127.1	2
Mar	129.9	127.9	1.6
Apr	--	128.3	--
May	--	128.8	--
Jun	--	129.1	--
Jul	--	128.9	--
Aug	--	128.7	--
Sep	--	128.8	--
Oct	--	129.1	--
Nov	--	128.6	--
Dec	--	128.4	--
Year Average	--	128.4	--

Month	2016	2015	% change
Jan	126.8	124.3	2.0
Feb	127.1	125.4	1.4
Mar	127.9	126.3	1.3
Apr	128.3	126.2	1.7
May	128.8	126.9	1.5
Jun	129.1	127.2	1.5
Jul	128.9	127.3	1.3
Aug	128.7	127.3	1.1
Sep	128.8	127.1	1.3
Oct	129.1	127.2	1.5
Nov	128.6	127.1	1.2
Dec	128.4	126.5	1.5
Year Average	128.4	126.6	1.4

5. Inflation Rate for 2015 to 2017 for Iqaluit, Whitehorse and Yellowknife

Iqaluit Annual % change Month over Month			Whitehorse Annual % change Month over Month			Yellowknife Annual % change Month over Month		
Month	**2016**	**2015**	**Month**	**2016**	**2015**	**Month**	**2016**	**2015**
Mar	2.5	1.5	Mar	1.0	-1.0	Mar	1.7	1.1
Apr	2.3	2.0	Apr	0.7	-0.7	Apr	1.6	1.6
May	2.2	1.9	May	0.6	-0.6	May	1.0	1.5
Jun	2.2	1.9	Jun	1.2	-0.2	Jun	0.9	2.0
July	3.1	1.9	July	0.8	0.2	July	0.8	2.0
Aug	3.0	1.9	Aug	0.3	0.7	Aug	0.4	2.0
Sep	2.3	2.4	Sep	0.2	0.6	Sep	0.5	1.9
Oct	2.2	2.3	Oct	1.3	0.2	Oct	0.8	2.0
Nov	2.5	2.5	Nov	1.7	0.1	Nov	1.1	1.6
Dec	2.5	2.5	Dec	1.6	0.8	Dec	1.0	1.5
Month	**2017**	**2016**	**Month**	**2017**	**2016**	**Month**	**2017**	**2016**
Jan	2.8	2.4	Jan	2.3	1.9	Jan	2.2	2.0
Feb	2.2	2.4	Feb	2.7	1.3	Feb	2.1	2.0
Mar	1.6	2.5	Mar	2.7	1.0	Mar	1.5	1.7

Note to Readers:

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is an indicator of the changes in consumer prices experienced by the target population. The CPI measures price change by comparing, through time, the cost of a fixed basket of commodities. The current basket is based on the expenditures of the target population for the 2013 reference period. Since the basket contains commodities of unchanging or equivalent quantity and quality, the index reflects only pure price movements. The CPI is not a cost-of-living index, though people frequently call it this. The objective behind a cost-of-living index is to measure changes in expenditures necessary for consumers to maintain a constant standard of living. The idea is that consumers would normally switch between products as the price relationship of goods changes. If, for example, consumers get the same satisfaction from drinking tea as they do from coffee, then it is possible to substitute tea for coffee if the price of tea falls relative to the price of coffee. The cheaper of the interchangeable products may be chosen. We could compute a cost-of-living index for an individual if we had complete information about a person's taste and spending habits. To do this for a large number of people, let alone the total population of Canada, is impossible. For this reason, regular published price indexes are based on the fixed-basket concept rather than the cost-of-living concept.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is produced on a monthly basis by Statistics Canada. The data used to determine the CPI are collected by survey and the results are released in Statistics Canada catalogue, ***The Consumer Price Index*** (no.62-001). The index is used to determine price change (inflation) in a given city or province over time. In order to calculate the inflation rate in an area, an index for two time periods is required. The percentage change in this index from one point in time to the next is known as the 'rate of inflation' (or 'rate of deflation' if there is a decrease).

The current time base of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Canada is 2002=100 and for Iqaluit the time base is December 2002=100.

-- = not applicable.

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